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In the Past Week.

Such was the record of the circulation

of THE TIMES for the last seven

days.

This increase was not due to extra

editions, nor was it caused by any

new matter in which the public was

especially interested.

The growth of THE TIMES is not

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Its marvelous strides in amount of

advertising, number of subscribers and

extent of popularity are due to its

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complete newspaper. It is the true

exponent and reflector of the largest

number of people and their desires

and for that reason alone.

ITS GROWTH IS STEADY.

THE TIMES is thoroughly and heartily

read and feared in some quarters

and that fact is one of its

best testimonials to character and

real merit.

The day has gone by when a great

newspaper is merely an editorial

parrot and an inmate chronicle of events.

Such a journal cannot long thrive in

an age of free press and a wide-awake

reading public. Do you doubt this

statement?—Then compare the broad-

ing of these lines with the conclusion.

In the Past Week

1,425 Stars

Loss.

The circulation of The Times for the

week ended March 15, 1896, was as

follows:

Monday, March 10, 39,478

Tuesday, March 11, 39,472

Wednesday, March 12, 38,475

Thursday, March 13, 39,510

Friday, March 14, 39,451

Saturday, March 15, 41,492

Sunday, March 16, 31,050

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I solemnly swear that the above is

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J. MILTON YOUNG, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 15th day of March, A. D. 1896.

ERNEST G. THOMPSON,

Notary Public.

Twelve Hours Ago.

If you miss any news in the morning

edition look in the list below. What

you're looking for was probably

printed in yesterday evening's edition,

and as The Times never repeats

you'll have to take both editions to

get all the news as quick as it hap-

pens.

GUNS TO STOP RIOT—

Several hundred rioters around Ken-

tucky's State House.

CAR DECORATES NEWS—

Grand Conductor of St. George's conferred on

Minister of Agriculture.

DISTRICT IN CONGRESS—

Senator McKim Promises Relief to

Citizens of Alexandria.

WAS ANAKER CONVICTED—

Mud Pay \$1,000 for Importing Alien

Country Labor.

CANNON'S FIRST EFFORT—

First Senator Attacked Secretary Hoke

Smith's Policy.

ACCUSED THE TRIMMINGS—

U. S. Electric Light Company's Attorney

Charged a Sensation.

FIRE COMMISSIONER NAMED—

A Near Senatorial Senator Hoke Secures

the Nomination.

BRITISH STEAMER EXPLODES—

Majority of Passengers and Crew Are

Thought to Be Lost.

PREPARING FOR A STROKE—

Gen. Mowbray May Soon Make an Attack on

Havana.

HIGH TIGHTS RESTORED—

But Association Deplores the Death of

William B. Webb.

SUGAR CROP WILL BE SHORT—

Cuba Will Export 200,000 Tons Less

Than Last Year.

APPEARED TO SHOW CAUSE—

Applicant for License Before the Exche-

quer Board.

SLIPPED THE DEATH CAME—

Frank B. Davis, Louisiana to In-

diana Deep Slumber.

GUN FAILED TO SHINE—

Another Shabby Day Promised by the

Weather Bureau.

DEER THE MAN'S SKULL—

Deer Hunter's Skull Hunted by Francis

Jones in a Fight.

CAJOLED HER WAY OUT—

Lizzie Hayes' Latest Appearance in the

Dock.

WAS THE WIRE TAPPED—

Operator Found by He Was Not Re-

sponsible for the Wire.

TROPHIES OF SPORTSMAN—

Grand Exhibition at Madison Square

Garden.

CRAZY BY HYPNOTISM—

Curious Case of a Young Lady in Penn-

sylvania.

FAMILY TURNED TO STONE—

Five Petrified Bodies Dig Up in an Old

Cemetery.

WINTER'S DAY AT THE ZOO—

Beautiful Scene Presented by the Snow-

Covered Valley.

PLAY ON THE RAINES BILL—

Lifts Great Burden From Taxpayers of

Towns and State.

POORLY LIGHTED PARKS—

Public Observations Afford Refuge to

Criminals.

## A Place of Living Tombstones.

While the necessity for calling out soldiers to protect the Kentucky legislature from the intimidation of lawless characters is to be deplored, every one familiar with the situation will congratulate Governor Bradley on his prompt and effective manner of suppressing the threatened legislative riot. Candidates who insist on being elected by the questionable methods that have characterized the disgraceful proceedings of the past few days are not worthy of senatorial preferment, and it is to be regretted that Senator Blackburn has allowed his supporters to continue his candidacy under such humiliating circumstances. Should the threat to prevent the passage of the appropriation bills be carried out it would seriously affect the interests of the State, and if the several candidates desire to prove their loyalty to Kentucky, they should urge that the senatorial election be not allowed to interfere with other legislative duties.

THE TIMES has advocated the election of United States Senators by popular vote since the introduction of a bill in the last Congress for the submission of that question to the several States. The endless feuds and wholesale political corruption connected with the election of Senators by State legislatures have made this change a necessity. It would not only insure the organization of the Senate in accordance with the will of the public, but would also transform the make up of our higher branch of Congress from a collection of mildewed, venerated intellects to a body of forceful, energetic men, whose terms of office would depend on their ability to properly discharge their duties rather than on the length of their purses or the character of their past careers.

Not all Senators are antiquated, nor are the majority of them fossilized when it comes to modern methods of legislation, but there are enough of them now in the garrulous age to make the Senate chamber a place for the protracted promulgation of periphrastic ideas and the dismal reading of languishing manuscript speeches. This linguistic decay affects almost every important discussion and sometimes delays action indefinitely on measures that are actually necessary. But under our present system of conferring life sentences on Senators of large means this result cannot be avoided. If the question were left to the people there would be no more Kentucky contests, nor any such assembling of senatorial living tombstones at the east end of the Capitol.

## "We Point With Pride to Our Record."

A look into the record would not be more pleasing than the spectacle presented by the old parties as they open the coming campaign with a brass band emphasis to the manner in which they "point with pride" to their respective records. The Republicans will doubtless glaze over the fact that they are responsible for the trusts, the greenbacks, the national banking system and its convenient syndicates, and the deadlock in Congress that prevents legislation to relieve a distressed country. The Democrats will probably exult when they refer to the illustrious administration of President Cleveland; his accumulation of over \$500,000,000 debt, the "endless chain" policy of greenback redemption, and the disastrous Treasury deficit. Naturally, the people will join hands and unite in a vociferous expression of rose-colored halcyons when their party leaders announce these political achievements, and those who can afford the expense will, no doubt, crown themselves with red, white and blue tissue paper chaplets. And what will give greater cause for universal rejoicing is the knowledge that politics accomplished these results in a time of peace, when our resources and opportunities were almost inexhaustible.

Radical, extreme and unnecessary partisan belligerence has had much to do with bringing on our business and political troubles. The McKinley law, with its tariff schedule, caused a revolution of popular sentiment and placed President Cleveland in power. At the time of the election it was supposed that a Democratic Congress would have a voice in shaping public affairs, but aside from enacting a tariff law that does not supply sufficient revenue, it could not, and did not, interfere with the mandate of the White House. Then followed the present "do nothing" organization, which, through President

## In Mercy's Name

It is almost as wearisome to read the protracted Cuban debate in the Senate as it is to wander through the cabined rooms of Spanish victories as detailed in Weyler's dispatches. Senator Hale continues to kill time as remorselessly in his attempt to defeat the resolutions as the dispatches consume words in their fruitless accounts of Cuban slaughter, and unless something is soon done to stop this wholesale system of bloodless murder both Weyler and the Senator from Maine will have to either begin at the head again or gather in a new stock of material. In fact, it would be a relief if the Senate would vote on these resolutions even if to reject them, for the word encounters between some of its members are almost as distressing as the indefinite continuation of the Cuban battles. Senator Morgan was right when he said that public sentiment demands Cuban recognition. His simile in comparing the enslaved condition of the mulattoes in Cuba with the colored race of the South before the war might not exactly apply, but its allusion to Senator Hale's opposition to Cuban emancipation from political slavery was a timely reference to his inconsistency. If Congress intends to do anything for Cuba the question should not be delayed. If, on the contrary, the Senate is simply playing for time as a means of blinding the public, Senator Hale's position is the more nearly

Presidential booms that are not buoyant enough to keep out of the reach of the maddening horde of politicians are likely to have their legs pulled.

Perhaps if the Bourbon legislature had taken a long pull and a strong pull together they might have found a way to settle the Senatorial question.

Fortunately President Cleveland knows how to duck when there is anything unpleasant coming in his direction.

The Spanish minister evidently thinks the Senator from Maine is a Hale fellow, well met.

As was expected, Tanquary has begun his war dance preparatory to an onslaught on the sponsors of the Raines bill.

The McKinley paraphrase reads: "As long as the money holds out to burn, the St. Louis delegate may return."

Since the opening of the McKinley delegate bargain counter there is a far away catbird look in the eyes of Speaker Reed.

While Spain's internal troubles seem to be subsiding, she is still in agony over the action of Congress.

As a political indicator, the Raines bill is a sign of hard times to Gov. Morton.

## ROSENFELD'S STRUCTURE OF CARDS AND THOSE WHO SAW IT.

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"How do you, Uncle John," he exclaimed as he got in the vehicle.

"How?" was the response.

"I don't believe you know me, Uncle John," he said as the vehicle started off.

"You're Bill Miller," was the quick reply.

"I suppose you've heard of my promotion," said the man.

"I have," said the old driver.

"What else do you say about it, Uncle John?" said the man.

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